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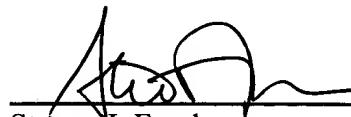
The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following claim groups: (I) claims 1-10 and (II) claims 11-22. Applicant hereby elects claim group I (i.e., claims 1-10).

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